

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is amended is requested. In response to a Final Office Action, Applicants amended claim 211 to incorporate the limitations of its parent claim 192, and amended claim 225 to include portions of its base claim 192. Applicants note, with appreciation, that claims 211-226 were deemed allowed in an Advisory Action dated August 7, 2007.

Applicants' proposed amendment to claim 192 was deemed not to place this claim in condition for allowance. Applicants have amended claim 192 so that it now depends from allowed claim 225. Thus, amended claim 192 further limits the "introducing" step in allowed claim 225 to positively recite the top, bottom and intermediate elements and their respective individual introduction into the intradiscal space. Since claim 192 now depends from an allowed claim, it should be in condition for allowance, along with its own dependent claims 193-197, 209 and 210.

With this amendment, it is believed that the present application, including claims 192-197, and 209-226, is in condition for allowance. Action toward that end is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to address any outstanding issues that may be addressed telephonically to advance this application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

August 9, 2007

/Michael D. Beck

Michael D. Beck
Reg. No. 32,722
Maginot, Moore & Beck
111 Monument Circle, Suite 3250
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 638-2922 (phone)
(317) 638-2139 (fax)
mdbeck@maginot.com